Message on the Observance of Rosh Hashanah, 5763

September 6, 2002

I send greetings to the Jewish community in the United States and around the world as you observe Rosh Hashanah.

As you mark the beginning of the High Holy Days, take time to reflect on the past year. In seeking forgiveness and renewal, may you again appreciate the love and mercy of the Almighty, and look to the year ahead with hope and faith. I encourage you to draw strength from the many examples of courage, sacrifice, and compassion we have witnessed during the last year.

As we face the challenges of a new era, America remains committed to freedom, justice, and opportunity for all people. During this time of examination and remembrance, I join you in looking forward to a future of tolerance and peace.

Laura joins me in sending our best wishes for a blessed holiday spent with family and friends.

George W. Bush

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Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

September 1

In the morning, the President returned from the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, to Washington, DC.

September 2

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Neville Island, PA, where he toured the Carpenters' Training Center. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

September 3

In the morning, the President had intelligence briefings.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney. Later, he met with Republican Senate leaders to discuss proposed homeland security legislation.

The White House announced that the President will meet with Prime Minister Jean Chretien of Canada in Detroit, MI, on September 9 to discuss border issues and cooperation against terrorism, and other bilateral and international issues.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Alvaro Uribe of Colombia to the White House for a meeting and working lunch on September 25.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dale Cabaniss to be a member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority and, upon confirmation, to designate him as Chairman.

The President announced his intention to nominate Scott W. Muller to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The President announced his intention to nominate Grover Joseph Rees to be Ambassador to East Timor.

The President announced his intention to nominate Rafael Cuellar (proprietor of small business representative) and Michael Scott (U.S. Department officer representative) to be members of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank.

The President announced his intention to nominate Harold Damelin to be Inspector General of the Small Business Administration.

The President announced his intention to nominate Linda M. Springer to be Controller of the Office of Federal Financial Management in the Office of Management and Budget.

The President announced his intention to nominate John F. Keane to be Ambassador to Paraguay.

The President announced his intention to nominate Philip N. Hogen to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Allen I. Olson and Irene B. Brooks to be Commissioners of the International